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Ms. Thomasenia Duncan General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E. Street, NW, 6th Floor Washington, DC 20463

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Subject: Complaint against Respondents listed below

MUR # 6240

Dear Ms. Duncan,

I am writing to file a complaint against Respondents Steve Austria, Eileen Austria and Dave Hobson.

I also request the FEC require Respondents to present sworn statements with their responses, just as Complainants are required to do, and as allowed for in Paragraph III, under sub-paragraph "Investigation" in the June 2008 "Filing a Complaint" brochure.

Complainant:

John Mitchel

Respondents:

Congressman Steve Austria
Room 1641 LHOB
New Jersey and Independence Avenues, SE
Washington D.C. 20515
(202) 225-1984

Ms. Eileen Austria

Former Congressman Dave Hobson Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease 52 Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215 (614) 464-4952

Allegation 1:

Congressman Austria violated federal campaign finance laws by conspiring to conceal through his 2008 Financial Disclosure Statement a conflict of interest caused by his spouse's employment in 2008 with Nextedge Applied Research and Technology Park. Note that the address listed for Nextedge is the same as AVETEC's, i.e., 4170 Allium Drive, Springfield, OH 45505.

Allegation 1A:

Mrs. Eileen Austria used her position at Nextedge, a not-for-profit organization, to raise campaign funds for her husband, who was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November, 2008.

Allegation 1B:

Dave Hobson used earmarks directed to Nextedge and Nextedge tenants including AVETEC, Qbase and SAIC, and TPI Composites (2145 Airpark Drive, 45502) as a quid pro quo for campaign contributions. Furthermore, Mr. Hobson used his elected office as well as insider information related to his requested earmarks and a wide and deep knowledge of real estate in the 7th Congressional District to benefit himself, family, friends and business associates who may have been associated with Wellington Square LLC, Midland Properties, Inc. and/or Crosstowne Properties Ltd. LLC, as well as Mills-Morgan Development Company who named the Clark State Community College extension in Fairborn "Dave Hobson Hall."

Facts related to Allegations 1, 1A and 1B:

- A. On January 1, 2008 Eileen F. Austria formed EFA Solutions, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company, Registration number: 1749492 (See Ohio Secretary of State website).
- B. On February 12, 2008, Cox Newspapers Staff Writer Elaine Morris Roberts reported, "To help achieve these improvements, Nextedge has hired Eileen Austria, former district director for U.S. Rep. Dave Hobson, R-Springfield, as director of sales and marketing." (Exhibit 1, page 2, "Nextedge seeking new data center") For future reference, it's important to make the distinction that Nextedge announced they kired Eileen Austria, not EFA Solutions, LLC.
- C. Mrs. Steve Austria served as Congressman Dave Hobson's District Director for more than a decade. Steve Austria, with Dave Hobson's strong endorsement, replaced Dave Hobson as U.S. Representative for Ohio's 7th Congressional District. In the opinion of Complainant, Mrs. Austria's employment with Nextedge characterizes a clear and unequivocal concealed, if not undisclosed conflict of interest as Nextedge Development Corporation and their tenants received federal earmarks from Dave Hobson, and Ohio Third Frontier and other state funding requested by Steve Austria when he was Ohio State Senator.
- D. The timing of the Hobson-requested earmarks to TPI Composites, Nextedge and Nextedge tenants including AVETEC, SAIC and Qbase, and the lease and/or purchase (unconfirmed) of the TPI Composites facility at 2145 Airpark Dr. 45502 and the purchase of the 205 acre Nextedge Applied Research and Technology Park make it reasonable to conclude that the earmarks requested by Dave Hobson were a significant portion of the financing for TPI Composites and Nextedge Applied Research and Technology Park, including infrastructure improvements. According to the Clark County Recorder's office, on November 16, 2005, Nextedge Development Corporation purchased the Nextedge property for about \$4.7 million from Wellington Square LLC. That averages nearly \$23,000 per acre, which at that time, in the opinion of Complainant, was more than four times the market value for farmland in the Springfield Ohio area. Mr. Hobson is currently President, VORYS Advisors, an affiliate of Vorys, Sater, Seymour, and Pease LLP. Mr. Hobson's Vorys Advisor's bio (Exhibit 2, page 2)

reads, "Before elected to public office, Hobson was involved in both real estate development and the restaurant industry." That's a true but misleading statement as Mr. Hobson continued to be actively involved in real estate investing while he was a sitting congressman. For example, according to the Springfield Board of Realtors, Mr. Hobson is currently a partner with Midland Properties, Inc., which may indicate a continuing relationship from Hobson's years in elected office. Furthermore, during his 9-term tenure in the House of Representatives, he had a financial interest in other properties including Aberdeen Village; a Crosstowne Properties development in Beavercreek, OH located less than ½ mile from The Greene, which he requested and received an earmark for in 2004 or 2005 (Source, David Beach, Beavercreek City Engineer).

- E. Steve Austria disclosed Eileen Austria's employment with EFA Solutions, LLC, on his 2008 Financial Disclosure Statement, but he did not disclose that Mrs. Austria received compensation from Nextedge as well as maintained an office at the expense of Nextedge and/or AVETEC, (Exhibit 4, page 2). Note: Recall in paragraph B. where Nextedge announced they hired Elleen Austria, not EFA Solutions, LLC, as director of sales and marketing.
- F. On Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 9:37 AM, Complainant called the number listed for Nextedge,

 A recorded message directed Complainant to Option 5 for Eileen Austria. A female voice answered, "Hello...Hello," Complainant responded, "Eileen?" and the call immediately disconnected or the female who answered the phone hung up. Although Mrs. Austria left Nextedge months before (reported by AVETEC employees on October 20, 2009), as of November 27, 2009, the Nextedge number listed above still forwards to Mrs. Austria's voicemail.
- G. Congressman Dave Hobson has a long history of real estate investing since he was elected to the U.S. Congress. As of November 12, 2009 or earlier, the Springfield Board of Realtors listed Dave Hobson as an associate with Midland Properties, Inc., 2525 N. Limestone, Springfield, OH, 45503 (937) 390-8800. When this number was called on 11/27/2009, callers were referred to Pam (x10), Maureen (x12), Tom (x13), Kevin (x14), Pete (x15) or Terry (x16); however Dave Hobson's extension was not listed. This may indicate that Mr. Hobson is intentionally trying to conceal his association with Midland Properties.
- H. In three years since Nextedge tenant AVETEC's ground breaking ceremony (Exhibit 5), Nextedge has virtually disintegrated as a financial entity. Nextedge President, Ray Hagerman, is no longer with the company. As of November 10, 2009, Nextedge was delinquent on taxes and penalties totaling \$124,676.88 (Elaine Morris Roberts, "Nextedge behind on property taxes," Springfield News Sun). Furthermore, according to a post on The City of Springfield website updated January 14, 2009, Nextedge Applied Technology and Research Park is for sale by the City of Springfield (Exhibit 6).
- I. Through his earmarks and/or business relationships, Mr. Hobson can be linked to at least three private real estate firms in Springfield, Ohio as well as Mills Morgan Development Company in Beavercreek.
 - Crosstowne Properties Ltd., LLC, 1101 N. Fountain Ave., 45504, (937) 322-0010:
 <u>Link to Hobson earmark</u>: In 2005 Mr. Hobson had a financial interest in Aberdeen Village; a Crosstowne Properties development located east of I-675 less than a half-mile from The Greene, a private development which received a \$2.8 million earmark from Mr. Hobson in 2005.

- 2. Wellington Square LLC, 1107 S. Fountain Ave., 45506: <u>Link to Hobson earmark</u>: On November 16, 2005, Nextedge Development Corporation purchased the Nextedge property for about \$4.7 million from Wellington Square LLC. That averages nearly \$23,000 per acre, which at that time, in the opinion of Complainant, was more than four times the market value for farmland in the Springfield Ohio area. Extensive research could not link Dave Hobson or any other individuals to Wellington Square, LLC. Mr. Hobson should be asked to respond in a sworn statement if he or family or past or present business associates of Mr. Hobson have a personal, family or business relationship with Wellington Square, LLC partners, associates or investors.
- 3. Midland Properties, Inc., 2525 Limestone St., Suite 101, 55503, (937) 390-8800: Link to Hobson earmark: In 2005 TPI Composites received a \$4.5 million earmark with the promise it would bring at least 100 jobs to Springfield, Ohio. As late as November 20th, 2009 a photo of the vacant facility (www.midprop.com, Exhibit 7) targeted for those jobs (2145 Airpark Drive, 45502) appeared as the header on Midland Properties Inc. homepage. Dave Hobson appears to be a silent partner with Midland Properties, Inc.
- 4. Mills-Morgan Development Company, 2689 Commons Blvd., Suite 30, Beavercreek, OH, 45431. Phone (937) 429-3143: <u>Link to Hobson earmarks</u>: Mills Morgan has received numerous construction contracts funded at least in part by Dave Hobson earmarks including Nextedge (Springfield), Clark State Community College (Fairborn) and Spectral Systems, Inc. (Beavercreek). The Federal Election Commission should investigate whether or not Mills-Morgan construction projects tied to Dave Hobson earmarks were competitively bid.

Discussion

Intentionally or otherwise, by attempting to conceal that Mrs. Austria received compensation through EFA Solutions, LLC from Nextedge in 2008, Mr. Austria violated federal election law; however, even more significant were Mrs. Austria's activities while she was being compensated in 2008 by Nextedge through EFA Solutions, LLC. Mrs. Austria earned a six-figure annual salary as Mr. Hobson's District Director, but by law could not remain in that position once her husband became a candidate for U.S. Congress. Furthermore, she could not use her position as Dave Hobson's District Director to solicit funds for her husband's campaign for Congress. Mr. Austria disclosed that Mrs. Austria received "consulting fees" from "Hobson for Congress" in 2007 and in 2008 during the same time she worked at Nextedge. Despite income as Dave Hobson's campaign consultant, the Austria's still experienced a significant loss in family income when Mrs. Austria left her job as Dave Hobson's District Director. Mrs. Austria certainly had the right to seek other employment after she no longer worked as Mr. Hobson's District Director, however there are important questions related to Mrs. Austria's concealed, if not undisclosed compensation from Nextedge that must be asked and answered to thoroughly respond to this complaint.

Allegation 1A:

 As stated above, Elaine Morris Roberts wrote that Mrs. Austria was hired by Nextedge before February 12, 2008. Furthermore, the 3rd Quarter issue of the Dayton Region Advocate (Exhibit 8) published by the Dayton Development Coalition could place Eileen Austria at Nextedge at least through September 30th, 2008, or even later. This timeframe was coincident with vigorous fundraising activities for the March 2008 Ohio primary and November General Election. Mrs. Austria indisputably received compensation from Nextedge Development Corporation in 2008, which Mr. Austria attempted to conceal, however even more significant were Mrs. Austria's activities while she worked at Nextedge. Did Mrs. Austria conduct fundraising activities for her husband's congressional campaign while on the premises of Nextedge (or AVETEC)? Did Mrs. Austria charge time to Nextedge, a 501(c) not-for-profit organization that she used to campaign or raise money for her husband's congressional campaign committee? To answer these questions, it's imperative that Nextedge, AVETEC and Mrs. Austria release time cards or other evidence to document the activities of Mrs. Austria and phone records for the period Mrs. Austria worked as the Nextedge sales and marketing director to determine if Mrs. Austria's phone calls were related to fundraising for her husband's campaign for Congress. It's also vital that Nextedge Development Corporation release their 2008 IRS Form 990 for not-for-profit organizations.

- 2. Did Mrs. Austria have the experience and education to qualify as Nextedge "Sales and Marketing Director," or was she given that job with Nextedge because of her past relationships with Dave Hobson and her husband who requested and received federal and state earmarks, respectively, for Nextedge and Nextedge tenants, including AVETEC, Obase and SAIC?
- 3. When and why did Mrs. Austria terminate her employment with Nextedge? What was Mrs. Austria's compensation package with Nextedge? Did Mrs. Austria serve as a lobbyist with Nextedge; or after her employment with Nextedge ended, when reportedly hired by the University of Dayton? If so, did she register as a lobbyist?

Allegation 2:

Congressman Austria violated federal campaign finance law by failing to disclose his membership on the Dayton Development Coalition's Wright Patt 2010 Committee (Exhibit 3, page 5 and Exhibit 4, page 5). Note that Mrs. Austria was also on the Wright Patt 2010 Committee as Congressman Dave Hobson's representative (Exhibit 9).

Facts related to Allegation 2:

- 1. Despite being mandated by federal election statutes, Mr. Austria did not disclose his membership on the Wright Patt 2010 Committee in 2006, 2007 or 2008, an activity sponsored, financed and run by the Dayton Development Coalition.
- 2. Mr. Austria received significant campaign contributions from Dayton Development Coalition principals, as well as persons associated with The Greentree Group and the PMA Group, two private corporations that without competitive bidding were awarded subcontracts as part of the tax payer funded \$1.9 million BRAC Initiative Agreement between Greene County Commissioners and the Dayton Development Coalition.

Discussion

Although "Schedule IV - Positions" in the Financial Disclosure Statement was loosened in 2008, it is very broad and encompassing in 2007 when it directs, "Report all positions, compensated or

uncompensated, held before the date of filing during the current calendar year and the two prior years as an officer, director, trustee of an organization, partner, proprietor, representative, employee, or consultant of any corporation, firm, partnership, or other business enterprise, any nonprofit organization, or any educational or other institution other than the United States." By these mandatory guidelines, Mr. Austria was compelled by law to disclose his participation on the Wright Patt 2010 Committee for 2006, 2007 and 2008. Since he did not, he was in violation of the statute. Furthermore, Mr. Austria's failure to disclose that he was a representative on the Wright Patt 2010 Committee, begs the question, "Was he trying to conceal the link between his activities on the Wright Patt 2010 Committee and significant contributions from Dayton Development Coalition principals as well as campaign donations received from beneficiaries of un-bid contracts awarded to Greentree and PMA by the Dayton Development Coalition?"

Allegation 2A:

Mr. Austria did not answer Question III under "Preliminary Information" (Exhibit 3, page 1) in his January 1,2007 - May 15, 2008 Financial Disclosure Statement. This error of omission speaks for itself as a violation of federal election law as "Each question in this part must be answered and the appropriate schedule attached for each "Yes" response."

Allegation 3:

Congressman Austria violated federal law by posting on his campaign website a photograph of military members in uniform that give the appearance the military supports him as a candidate.

Discussion

Mr. Austria placed these young men in a compromising situation by urging them to participate in partisan politics while in uniform, which is a violation of Army Regulation (AR) 600-20 and other DoD guidelines. As a remedy for this infraction, Complainant recommends Mr. Austria be reprimanded and the picture removed from Mr. Austria's website rather than more stringent sanctions against the military members pictured in the photograph.

Conclusions:

These serious allegations against respondents Eileen Austria, Steve Austria and Dave Hobson reflect all the elements of criminal activity. i.e., motive, opportunity, the (alleged) criminal act itself, and even an attempted cover-up.

First, the Austria's were highly motivated to do what was necessary, legally or otherwise, to win a seat for Steve in the U.S. Congress. Mrs. Austria left her 6-figure salary as Dave Hobson's District Director and would also lose income as his paid campaign consultant as Mr. Hobson was no longer a candidate. The Austria's have high-school-age children, and face significant college tuition expenses (see Mr. Austria's campaign website). To be sure, unless Mrs. Austria is independently wealthy, they would be hard pressed to make ends meet without Mr. Austria's salary as a U.S. Congressman. Nextedge provided a golden opportunity for Mrs. Austria not only to supplement family income during her husband's transition from the Ohio Senate to the U.S Congress, but to use as a platform to manage her husband's campaign. The FEC and other investigative agencies will eventually have to determine if a criminal act has

occurred, but compelling evidence is in place to identify the necessary elements of a crime, including motive, opportunity, the criminal act itself and an attempted cover-up.

In regard to Mr. Hobson, he left almost 30 years of public service a multi-millionaire. I often ask myself how politicians do that on a public servant's salary. In my opinion, Mr. Hobson's real estate moonlighting provides the answer. His motivation is money, and 18 years in Congress provided ample opportunity to leverage power and access in return for campaign contributions to keep him in Congress and influence and insider knowledge to guide him toward lucrative real estate deals, disclosed or otherwise. Like the Austria's in their attempt to stay below the radar on Mrs. Austria's employment with Nextedge, Mr. Hobson too seems to have gone to great lengths to keep a low profile on his real estate dealings, especially those connected to earmarks for his campaign contributors.

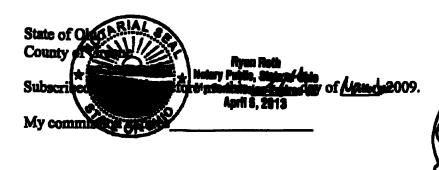
That concludes the text of my complaint, however if FEC representatives have any questions regarding this complaint, please feel free to contact Complainant at their earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted.

John Mitchel

Exhibits:

- 1. "Nextedge seeking new data center," Elaine Morris Roberts, Springfield News Sun, 2/12/08.
- 2. VORYS Advisors bio on Dave Hobson (not dated).
- 3. Steve Austria's Financial Disclosure Statement (FDS) covering 1/1/07 5/15/08.
- 4. Steve Austria's Financial Disclosure Statement (FDS) covering calendar year 2008.
- 5. "Groundbreaking Moment For Community," AVETEC Accelerator, Nov 2006, Issue No. 5.
- 6. For sale announcement by The City of Springfield.
- 7. Midland Properties, Inc. homepage, 11/20/2009 (photo of vacant TPI Composites facility).
- 8. "Nextedge Technology Park," Dayton Development Coalition, 3rd Quarter Report. 2008.
- 9. Letter from the Wright-Patt 2010 Committee (undated).



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Nextedge seeking new data center

Park's 2008 goals include a new tenant, which will be announced in 30 days.

By Elgine Morris Roberts Staff Writer

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — Nextedge Applied Research and Technology Park wants a new data center on 17 acres that would result in an estimated 100,000 square-foot facility.

An announcement regarding the center is expected within 30 days, according to Nextedge President Ray Hagerman.

Although no new tenant has signed on at the park since July Hagerman sees 2008 as a year to build on the achievements of 2007. New tenants will join LexiaNexis, the park's first tenant, Qbase and Avetec, both of which will be in the park as construction is completed on their respective buildings.

"Nextedge is in full swing; we had a great 2007 and look forward to a great 2008." Hagerman told a packed house at Monday's meeting of the Springfield Rotary Club at Casey's restaurant in Springfield, 2205 Park Road.

In addition to securing new tenants, Nextedge's goals for this year

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include:

- Establishing a local business and technology incubator.
- Advocating for stabilization of energy costs.
- •Enhancing awareness of the park's job potential to local college students.

Hagerman also identified other needs for Nextedge. They include having a prestigious address like Raleigh-Durham, N.C. He said the park needs a formal link to a university and more human and financial capital to be ultimately successful.

Austria, former district director for U.S. Rep. Dave Hobson, R-Springfield, as director of sales and marketing.

One of her first responsibilities, Hagerman said, will be to secure those necessary university partnerships.

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Education

The Ohio State University College of Law, J.D., 1963 Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A., 1958

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Congressman David Hobson (Ret., R-OH) is the president of Vorys Advisors LLC, a wholly owned affiliate of the law firm, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. As president of Vorys Advisors, Mr. Hobson provides business and strategic counsel to Ohio businesses and other clients. Mr. Hobson joined Vorys Advisors after retiring from the U.S. House of Representatives, where he represented Ohio's 7th District for 18 years.

While in Congress, Mr. Hobson served as the chairman and ranking member of the House Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee; chairman of the Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee; senior member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee; and member of both the Veterans Affairs/Housing Subcommittee and the Budget Committee.

Throughout the country and in Ohio, Hobson worked to improve and privatize military housing, invest in defense research and development at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, has supported the aeronautics and research programs at the NASA Glenn Research Center, and has supported numerous projects at the Cleveland Clinic. He is widely credited with improving management practices at the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Energy, and has deep experience working with health care, energy, water, infrastructure and education projects.

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HONORS & AWARDS

American Chemical Society's Public Service Award, 2007

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) – Public Service Award, 2007

Received Honorary

Doctorate from Wilberforce

University, 2006

Dayton Children's Medical Center's "A Child's Voice" Advocacy Award, 2006

U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) -Honorary Doctorate, 2005

Inducted into the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges' Hall of Fame, 2005

Received Honorary Degree from Cleveland State University, 2004

Spirit of Enterprise Award, U.S Chamber of Commerce, 1992 - 2002

Guardian of Small Business

Prior to serving in Congress, Mr. Hobson spent eight years as a State Senator in the Ohio Senate, where he served in numerous leadership roles, including president pro tempore, majority whip, chairman of the Health, Human Services and Aging Committee and chairman of the Reference and Oversight Committee.

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Vorys Advisors is not engaged in the practice of law or the provision of legal services.

Award, National Federation of Independent Business, 2000 and 2002

Received honorary degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, 2002

Golden Eagle Award, Society of American Military Engineers, 2001

Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence, National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), 1998 and 2000

Received honorary law degree from Wittenberg University, 1992

Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding State Legislator, American Medical Association, 1990

Legislator of the Year, Ohio Nursing Association and Ohio Hospice Association, 1989

Legislator of the Year Award from the Ohio Association of Community Mental Health Boards, 1988

Distinguished Legislator Award, Association of Health Commissioners, 1988

Public Service Award, Ohio Chapter of American College of Health Care Administrators, 1987

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Outstanding Legislator Award, Ohio Department of Mental Health, 1986

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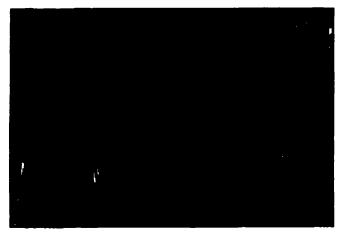
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Groundbreaking Moment For Community



Leaders break ground at the HeatEdge Park. Platured, left to right: U.S. Congressmen Deve Hobson, Rep. Ross McGregor, Ohio Speaker of the House Jan Husted, State Sensior Steve Austria, Springfield Mayor

AVETeC marked a great day in its history on October 27, as groundbreaking ceremonies at Springfield's Next-Edge Applied Research and and rainy, but the weather

Technology Park took place. **AVETeC's permanent building** will be among the first at the perk. The day was overcast could not dampen the enthusissm of the crowd, including many community leaders and AVETeC employees and associates.

NextEdge, which is designed to house and support the communication and data management needs of research and technology companies, is being developed to attract high-paying, high-tech jobs to the state.

"AVETeC is committed to revitalizing Springfield and its role as a leader in American competitiveness. The NextEdge Park is a key to this leadership," commented AVETeC President Robert Evans Miller. "NextEdge offers cuttingedge technological amenities (continued page 4)





AVETEC Named Newcomer Employer Of The Year

Wilberforce University presented AVETeC with "Newcomer Employer of the Year' during the university's Employers Appreciation Luncheon and Awards caremony on October 17 at the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center in Wilberforce, Ohio. AVETC President Robert Evens Miller, Chief Technology Officer Dr. Jeffrey Dalton, and Education Consultant Kennneth Briggs were

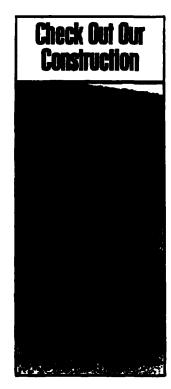
present at the luncheon to accept the honor.

"We are honored to have partners like Wilberforce," said Miller. "Our collaborative efforts are resulting in excellent opportunities for students, and it's our pleasure to do this work."

The event recognized various employers and students for accomplishments including

contributions to the cooperative education program and hiring of graduating seniors and students during their internships and co-op work experiences.

Along with the Hershey Foods Corporation, AVETeC was recognized for their "outstanding support to the university." Wilberforce recognized AVETeC for providing (continued page 3)



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to the community, which will bring rnore high-tech businesses to the area and generate job growth and economic development."

Also breaking ground at the ceremony was Mills-Morgan, a Beavercreek development company which will begin building the first of three of their 55,000 square foot office technology centers in the park.

The construction of AVETeC's 45,000 square foot building is made possible by a \$10 million grant from the Department of Energy. Congressman David Habson, who helped secure the funding for the high-tech building and participated in the ceremony, commented on the importance of the park in attracting and retaining talented individuals in the area. "If I stepped outside of this tent right now, I wouldn't feel the rain," he said. "The sun is shining brightly on Springfield."

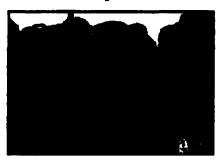
Miller agreed on Springfield's bright future. "Exciting transformations are taking place for Springfield, and NextEdge is an instrumental part of that," he said. Miller also pointed out that the new facility will be designed for collaboration. a cornerstone of AVETeC's philosophy. "We envision creating a technology doorway for businesses, government and universities to join us in the develreducing development costs," he said.

The myriad of community leaders who participated in the ceremony shared that same excitement.

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Other participants in the ceremony included State Senator Steve Austria. Ohio Speaker of the House Jon Husted, Springfield Mayor Warren Copeland, NextEdge President Ray Hagerman, Clark County Commissioner Roger Tackett, State Representative Ross McGregor and co-founders of Mills-Morgan, Bob Mills and Sam Morgan.



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(L-R) County Commissioner John Detrick, AVETEC Chief Operating Officer Vit: Mangino and guest Leure Henrix enjoy the ceremony.



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President's Corner



The groundbreaking at NextEdge was not only a historic day for AVETeC, but for the community as a whole. The city of Springfield has a rich past, and is certainly working

toward a bright future as a leading innovative city. Springfield is a potential powerhouse with the unique combination of industrial jobs that are such an important part of its history and cutting-edge technology now being introduced.

it's times like this when I am most proud AVETeC cells Springfield home. Springfield is a hub of excitement, and the groundbreaking was no exception.

The NASA exhibit at the Springfield Museum of Art promises to be an unforgettable experience for all who attend. AVETeC is committed to cultivating the next generation of scientists and innovators, and what better way than to immerse students in a world where art and science merge?

Also, AVETeC is humbled to have been recognized by Wilberforce University. Our efforts are simply part of our mission to educate students, and partners like Wilberforce make the lob even more rewarding for our entire staff. As Springfield continues to fulfill its potential, I invite you to witness part of the process by checking out the video feed of our construction progress at the NextEdge Park. The ground has been broken, but the story has just begun.

Sincerety.

Robert Evans Miller

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Technology Parks

Nextedge Applies Technology and Research Park

On Site Detail:

Total Acreage: 204.76 acres
Price Per Acre: Negotiable

Zoning: RDP, Research and Development Park District Location: Southwest corner of State Route 40 and Titus Road

Transportation:

Adjacent to Interstate 70
Located on State Route 40 and Titus Road
24 miles from Dayton International Airport
12 miles to Springfield Municipal Airport

Other Comments: Topography is level. Phase I environmental available. Sale price is negotiable. State tax credits available based upon significant job creation. Firms at Nextedge: Mills Morgan; LexisNexis; Qbase; Avetec; SAIC



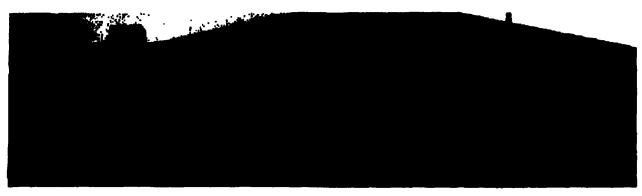
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Nextedge Technology Park

A new crop of high technology businesses is growing from the jush comfields along the National Highway on the east side of Springfield.

The Nextedge Applied Research and Technology Park is already home to several name-brand technology companies, with more business space under construction and room for future growth on a campus of more than 200 acres.

its newest completed structure. built and owned by Mills-Morgan. Ltd., is already

occupied by Obase, Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC), and Newport Corp.'s Spectra-Physics Lasers Division. Two startup companies are expected soon to become the first tenents of the new National Environmental Technology Incubator of Central State University in collaboration with Clark State Community College, says Nextedge Park President Ray Hagerman.

It's the first of three buildings Mills-Morgan plans to build on a 15-acre tract of the sprawling campus, Hagerman says. Within sight of the building are Nextedge's first occupant, a Leide-Nexis data center. and its next one, a new building that's to become the new home of Springfield-based Advanced Virtual Engine Test Cell, Inc. (AVETEC).

Located on U.S. 40 near Interstate 70. Nextedge offers large setbacks, a highspeed fiber data network, duel power feeds. integrated pessive and active security,

and a low risk of natural disasters. Just as important, it's located in the center of Ohio's Third Frontier Technology Corridor, close to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. leading technology and defense companies, and technically skilled labor pools in the Cincinnati-Columbus-Dayton region, it's only a few minutes from downtown Springfield.

At the same time, Hagerman points out, the park enjoys the retaking ambiance of

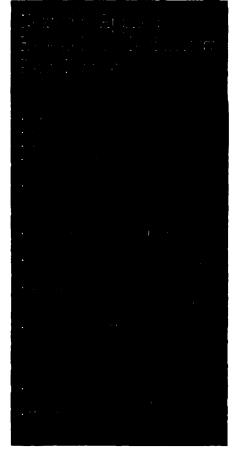
rural Ohlo, surrounded by comfields with sort of a technology on the parts of the campus still farmed under contract, Hagerman

> says the park seeks to preserve that restful atmosphere with prairie grass plantings and walking trails. When completed, AVETEC's new headquarters will reflect the praine style architecture inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's Westcott House in Springfield.

> "The Nextedge concept is sort of a technology on the prairie theme," Hagerman

The main campus covers 205 acres. About 62 acres is ready for building, with another 80 undeveloped, in addition. Nextedge has purchased another 60-acre percel and has an option on an additional

Nextedge is a nonprofit corporation whose mission is to provide an environment that attracts and retains technology-trained workers from the region and enables collaboration among the organizations that co-locate in the park. Nextedge is designed to deliver business adventages tenants



seek, whether economic, infrastructure or location. It has received funding from federal and state sources and has

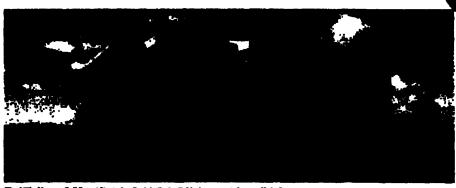
Eleen Austria, Nextedge's sales and marketing director, sees the park as a cornerations of economic development for the Springfield community. Hagerman agrees and sees an even larger role; "We'd like to be a best-practices example of what you can do in this state."

While the focus is

ac growth in light industry, possibly on land Neidedge controls or in a nearby industrial park. He also hopes to see service businesses such as childcare centers and restaurants.

"Ultimately we would like to see a live, work and play environment out here." he says. "We want to see an interrelated community at some level, not just an office

For more information, contact Marty Hohenberger, Vice President for Business Development, 222-4422.



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A Vision for Integrated Global Defense

The Wright-Patterson 2010 committee and all of us in the Dayton Region are prosupport and protect two of our most valuable assets - Wright-Patterson Air Force are and the Springfield Air National Guard Base. Our community is unified and engand in supporting and growing our defense installations, their missions, the Air Force of the Department of Defense. Wright-Patt and Springfield ANG Base continue to play important role in building on the Dayton Region's heritage and defining our future.

The picture, however, is much bigger than that. Along with its significant role in the Dayton Region. Wright-Patt is critical to the defense of our country. Together. Wright-Patt and the Springfield ANG Base offer the highest level of Military Value. The installations of the Dayton Region provide co-location of multiple support disciplines, partnership with academia, industry and government, maximization of "Jointness" and unparalleled community infrastructure. Wright-Patt and Springfield ANG truly represent the home and future of integrated Global Defense.

In short, we believe that the WPAFB and Springfield ANG Base are positioned for success. The WP 2010 committee will continue to facilitate an ever increasing level of collaboration among the Dayton Region's academic, industry, government and military leadership in support of our installations. Our ultimate goal is not only to retain key missions and attract new missions from closures around the world, but also to provide a shining example of Military Value which will impact the Department of Defense, our nation and ultimately the world.

Sincerely.

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Subject: Amendment to Allegation 1B, Page 2, FEC complaint dated November 27th, 2009

Additional Respondents and allegations:

A. Wellington Square, LLC and Wellington Square II, LLC are entities operating under the direct control of associates and agents of The Turner Foundation, a 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization located at 4 West Main Street, Suite 800, Springfield Ohio, 45502.

B. Mr. Walter A. Wildman, who is principal agent for Wellington Square, has conspired to launder taxpayer dollars through Wellington Square and Nextedge Development Corporation, a 501 (c) organization, to benefit agents, principals, associates of The Turner Foundation, and others including Dave Hobson, Steve and Eileen Austria, John Landess, who simultaneously serves as Executive Director of The Turner Foundation and on the Board of Directors for Avetec (a Nextedge tenant), and Ray Hagerman, who currently serves on the Turner Foundation Board of Directors and until October, 2009 served as President, Nextedge Development Corporation.

C. The inflated price of the Nextedge property and subsequent use of Nextedge resources provided a direct financial benefit to Respondents Hobson, Eileen and Steve Austria, Walter Wildman, John Landess, Ray Hagerman, and others associated with the Turner Foundation, Nextedge Development Corporation and tenants of Nextedge Development Corporation whose agents have repeatedly made significant campaign contributions to Dave Hobson and Steve Austria.

Facts related to additional allegations:

A. Walter A. Wildman is principal agent for Wellington Square, LLC and Wellington Square II, LLC. According to the Clark County website, in 2005 Wellington Square sold 205 acres of Springfield farmland to Nextedge Development Corporation for \$4.7 million, averaging nearly \$23,000 per acre. According to "Hot real estate prices extend to farm land," Money Magazine, March, 2006, the average price for farmland in 2005 in Ohio was \$3180 per acre, which is less than 1/7 the price Wellington Square sold the Nextedge property to Nextedge Development Corporation.

B. Local, state and federal tax dollars comprised 60 - 70 percent of the funds to finance Nextedge land acquisitions and capital improvements.

Please add these allegations to subject complaint that the FEC received on December 9, 2009.

Respectfully submitted John Mitchel

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